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CHILE

FINLAND HAS SWUNG INTO HIGH GEAR TO COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY ALLENDE
DEMISE.

1. PRIME MINISTER KALEVI SORSA, A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, REVIEWING
EVENTS IN CHILE, WROTE IN A SIGNED EDITORIAL IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
DAILY DEMARI SEPT. 11: "THE FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
HAS, LIKE OTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN THE WORLD, GIVEN ITS
SUPPORT TO THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF CHILE IN THEIR STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE MILITARY JUNTA WHICH IS ARMED TO THE TEETH AND
SUPPORTED FROM ABROAD. THE FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL DO THEIR
UTMOST SO THAT THE CHILEAN PEOPLE WILL REGAIN THEIR DEMOCRACY AND
THEIR FREEDOM. OUR DUTY IS TO EXTEND OUR FRATERNAL HAND AND
OUR AID TO PEOPLE STRUGGLING IN DIFFICULTIES, AND PARTICULARLY TO
ITS POLITICAL AND LABOR WORKING CLASS MOVEMENT."

2. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MINISTER OF EDUCATION ULF SUNDQVIST WAS A
SPEAKER AT A SOLIDARITY MEETING IN HELSINKI SEPT. 10 AND WILL
SPEAK AGAIN AT ANOTHER MEETING TODAY.

3. THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES HAVE SET UP A STUDY GROUP TO
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DISCUSS AND PROPOSE ACTIONS CONCERNING CHILE, THE FIRST MEETING

HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN HELSINKI SEPT. 10, THE GROUP INCLUDES MEMBERS FROM CONSERVATIVE PARTY, CENTER PARTY, LIBERAL PARTY, COMMUNIST PARTY, SKDL, UNITY PARTY, CHRISTIAN LEAGUE AND SWEDISH PEOPLE'S PARTY.

4. A CRASH FUND-RAISING OPERATION WITH A GOAL OF ONE MILLION MARKS IS TAKING PLACE UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN. THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF FOUR SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, FOUR COMMUNISTS, TWO CENTER PARTY MEMBERS, ONE SWEDISH PEOPLE'S PARTY MEMBER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDENTS' UNION (SYL). 13 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING TEINILITTO, THE HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS UNION, SYL, CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF FINNISH TRADE UNIONS (SAK) AND CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND SALARIED EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATIONS (TVK) PARTICIPATE.

THE BOARD OF SAK EARLIER URGED WORKERS TO COMMEMORATE THE 11TH OF SEPT. IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER AND TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLIDARITY MEETINGS TO BE ORGANIZED DURING THE DAY. THE GOAL IS TO DONATE ONE HOUR'S WAGES TO THE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN. THE MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR THE LEGAL EXPENSES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES, AMONG OTHERS. THE MONEY WILL BE FUNNELLED THROUGH THE ROME SECRETARIAT OF UNIDAD POPULAR.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS PRECEDED BY A SEMINAR WHICH THE FORMER SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO CHILE, HARALD EDELSTAM, ATTENDED.

5. A MASS MARCH AND A MASS MEETING, TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC IN HELSINKI, WILL FEATURE ISABEL ALLENDE, DAUGHTER OF SALVADOR ALLENDE, AS MAIN SPEAKER. OTHER CHILEAN VISITORS TO FINLAND: SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF THE CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY, CARLOS PARRA, SENATOR ALEJANDRO TORO, AND FORMER MINISTER OF MINING, JORGE ARRATE.

6 FOREIGN MINISTER AHTI KARJALAINEN TOLD AFTERNOONER ILTA-SANOMAT SEPT. 10 THAT FINLAND'S DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA ARE AT THE MINIMUM. "WE HAVE AGREED THAT IF WE WANT TO INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENTS THERE IN SOME WAY, WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST SOME KIND OF RELATIONS," KARJALAINEN SAID.

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7 THE FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY WILL BROADCAST SEVERAL RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS ON CHILE WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INTERVIEWS AND PROGRAMS ON PRO-ALLENDE PEOPLE.
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